

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. You, the FCC, are also obligated to serve the public interest -- and we need you to insist that Sinclair's manipulation of their privileges of broadcasting are unacceptable. We need local news, produced by local people, and addressing local concerns -- not what Sinclair is offering. Furthermore, their use of the public airways is a run-around of the limitations placed on campaign contributions. This "docu-ad" is nothing but free campaign advertising for President Bush. Sinclair needs to understand that the public, and the FCC will not rubberstamp this flaunting of the already too weak rules which govern access to the public airwaves. Thank you.